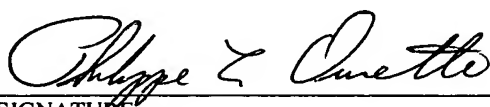


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U. S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER 21317YP
		U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) 10/542214
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/US2004/000763	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 13 January 2004	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 17 January 2003
TITLE OF INVENTION 3-AMINO-4-PHENYLBUTANOIC ACID DERIVATIVES AS DIPEPTIDYL PEPTIDASE INHIBITORS FOR THE TREATMENT OR PREVENTION OF DIABETES		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Wallace T. Ashton, Charles G. Caldwell, Robert J. Mathvink, Hyun O. Ok, Leah Bitlac Reigle, Ann E. Weber		
<p>Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.<input type="checkbox"/> This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.<input type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures [35 U.S.C. 371(f)]. The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (PCT Article 31).<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)]<ol style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).<input type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau.<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).<input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)].<ol style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto<input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).<input type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)].<ol style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).<input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau.<input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.<input type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.<input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)].<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)].<input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)]. <p>Items 11 to 20 below concern other document(s) or information included:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.<input type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment.<input type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.<input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.<input type="checkbox"/> A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.<input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821 - 1.825.<input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).<input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).<input type="checkbox"/> Other items or information:		
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The following fees are submitted:				CALCULATIONS	PTO USE ONLY
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